Breast Cancer

*9. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 45,000 Indian women get breast cancer every year and about 15,000 die of it, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what are the reasons for the rapid spread of the disease alongwith the number of persons suffering from Cancer, State-wise. during the last three years;

(c) what preventive measures Government have so far taken to check the disease, and for the treatment of the same in each State; and

(d) what is the extent of Central help given to each Cancer Hospital for the treatment of Cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) As per data obtained under the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) of Indian Council of Medical Research, it has been estimated that about 61,000 women in India developed breast cancer and out of them about 28,500 succumbed to this disease in 1991.

(b) State-wise and year-wise figures of breast cancer are not available.

(c) Since no one factor or combination of factors has been found responsible for occurrence of breast cancer, preventive measures are not suggested. However, in case of early detection complete cure of a large percentage of breast cancer cases is possible. For breast cancer, therefore, the emphasis is on early detection followed by appropriate treatment. Such treatment facilities are available in all cancer hospitals in our country.

(d) This Ministry provided financial assistance to the following Regional Cancer Centres as grant-in-aid (Plan) during the year 1991-92.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Institute	Amount
1. Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore.	25.00
2. Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad.	25.00
3. Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Gwalior.	25.00
4. Cancer Institute, Madras.	30.00
5. Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum.	30.00
6. Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Calcutta.	116.00
7. Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital, New Delhi.	30.00
TOTAL	Rs. 281.00

Regional Cancer Institute

*10. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade the R. K. Birla Cancer Centre as a regional cancer institute in the near future;

(b) if so, by when and what assistance Government propose to provide to this Centre; and

(c) by when the Centre is likely to start functioning with modern equipment, in its new buildings?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of Rajasthan has informed that R. K. Birla Cancer Centre is already functioning in its new building in Jaipur.